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Applicant : Harold R. Blomquist
Serial No. **RECEIVED** : 09/553,137
Filed NOV 01 2002 : April 19, 2000
For **GROUP 3600** GAS GENERATING MATERIAL FOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT PROTECTION DEVICE
Group Art Unit : 3641
Examiner : E. Miller
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(VSSIM)4419
Cleveland, OH 44114-1400

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

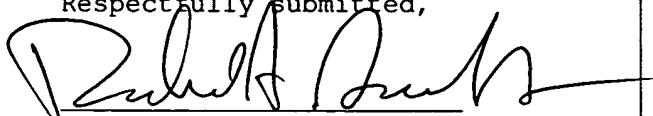
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a two (2) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2002. The response date set in the Office Action was September 21, 2002. A response is being filed herewith today, October 24, 2002, which is within the second month after the response date. A check is enclosed in the amount of \$400.00, which is the fee required for a two month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by two (2) months so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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